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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO PROTECT THE WORLD AND DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

100 YEARS IN THE FUTURE, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED X WORKS ALONGSIDE THE MAVERICK HUNTERS TO PRESERVE PEACE BETWEEN ROBOT AND HUMANKIND!

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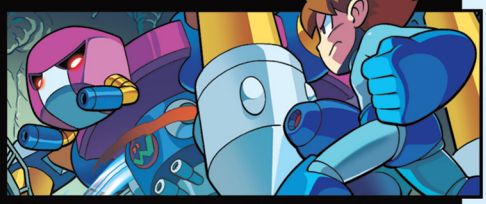
DAWN OF X

PREVIOUSLY...

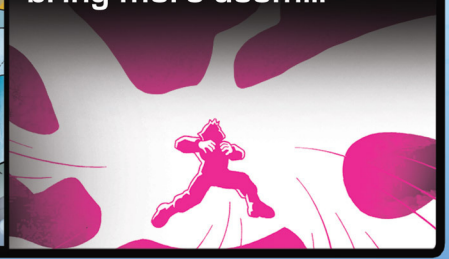


In the Present...

Dr. Wily has been cleared of all wrong-doing, and now works with Mega Man to track down eight supposedly rogue Robot Masters and the powerful Energy Elements they stole. Mega Man was sent to investigate an old weapons lab of Dr. Wily's to see if the Robot Masters were hiding there, but found something far worse...

In the Future...

X had joined Dr. Cain in an archaeological dig that unwittingly unearthed the Wily Walker! As deadly as it was one hundred years ago, it has escaped and is marching to attack the nearest city. The Maverick Hunters have arrived to stop it, but they don't realize destroying it could bring more doom...



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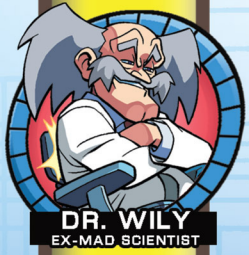
MEGA MAN
SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT



DR. WILY
EX-MAD SCIENTIST

X
THE FIRST LIVING ROBOT

ZERO
X'S BEST FRIEND

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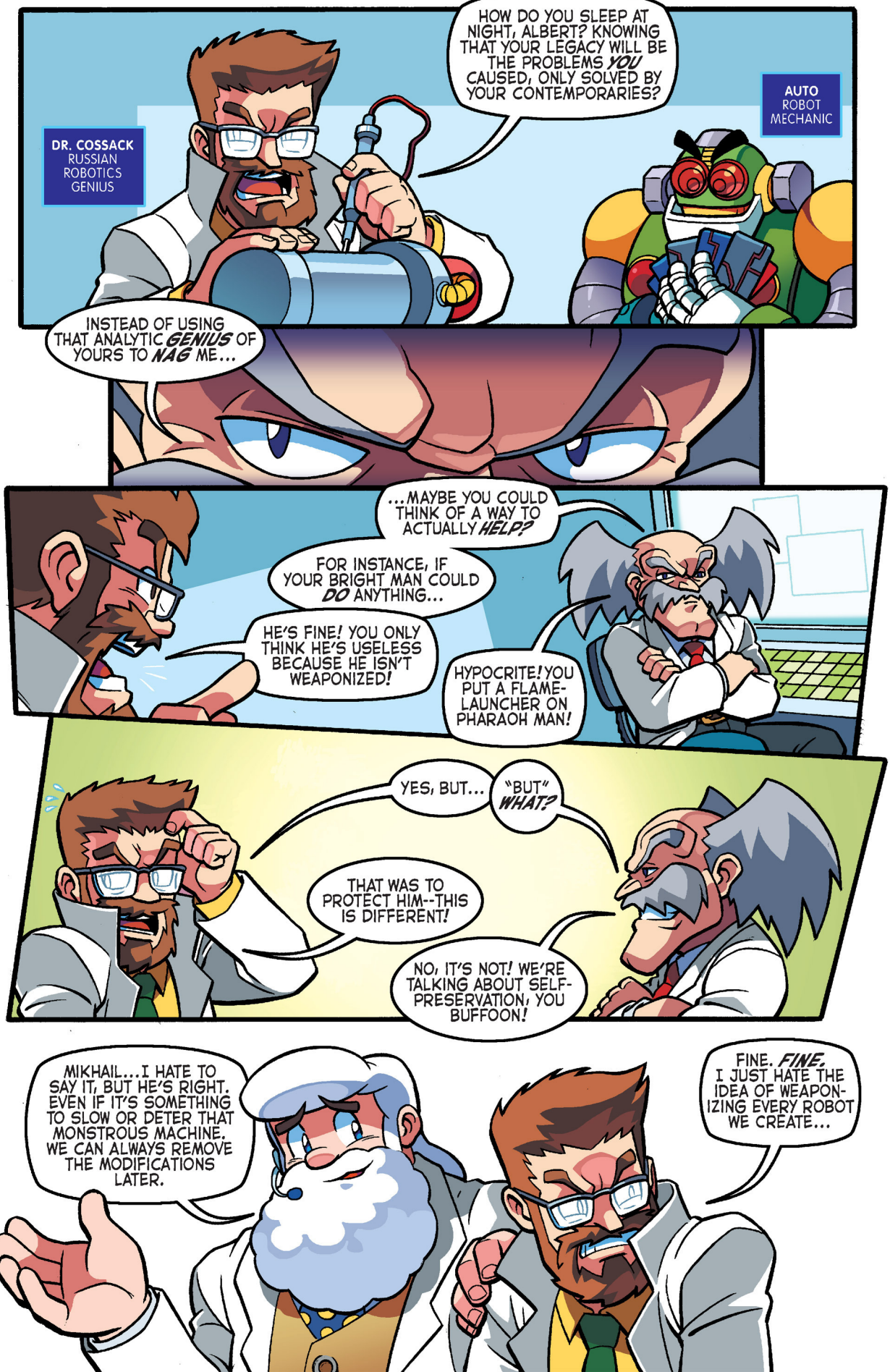
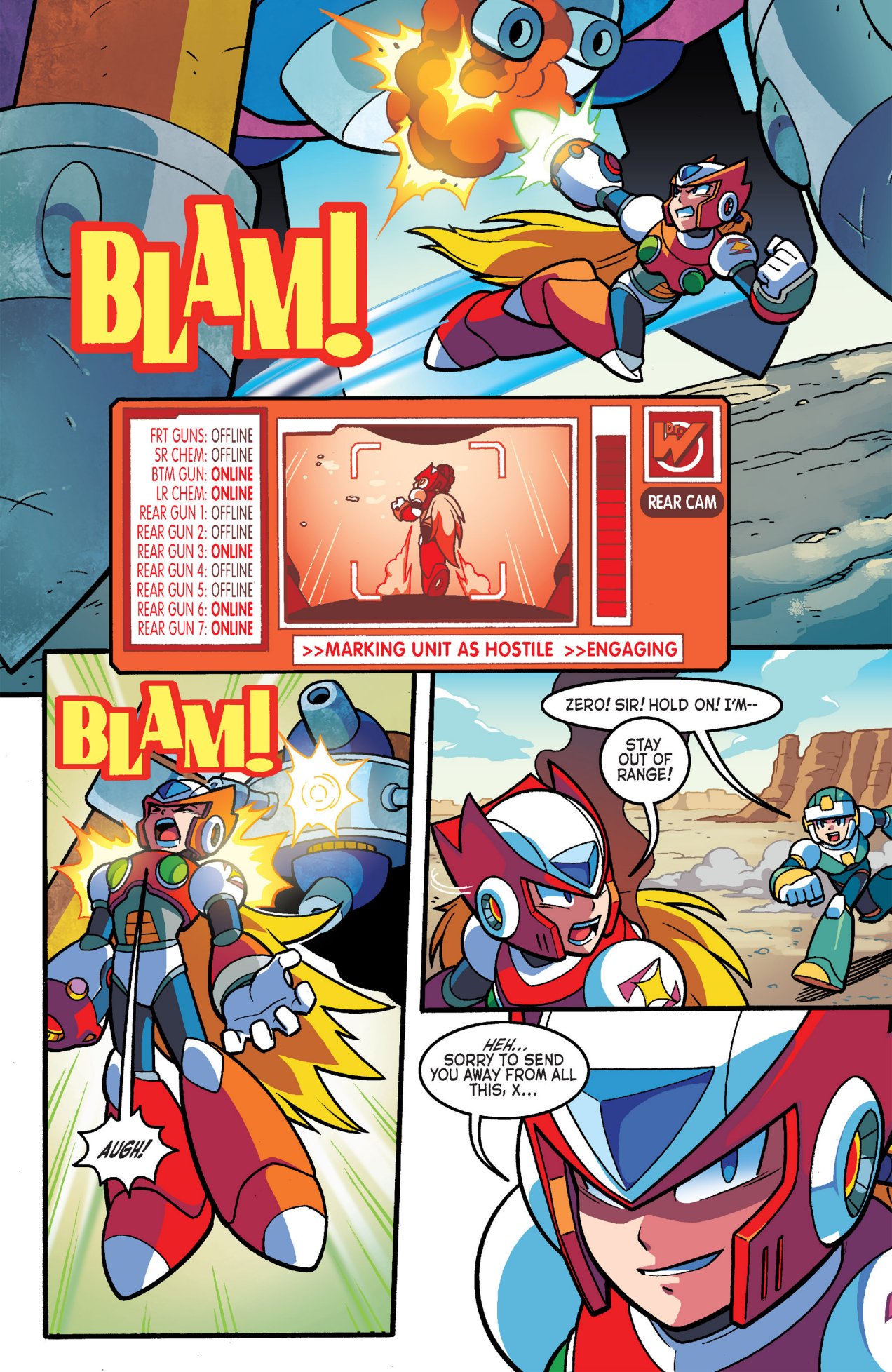
FWOOM!
MOVE, MEGA MAN, MOVE! WE'VE GOT TO COME UP WITH A PLAN! WE CAN'T FIGHT THIS THING HEAD ON!
BRIGHT MAN
DR. COSSACK'S ILLUMINATING ROBOT MASTER
PHARAOH MAN
DR. COSSACK'S TOMB-EXPLORING ROBOT MASTER
BLAM!
RIGHT! TRY TO KEEP IT OFF BALANCE UNTIL WE FIGURE SOMETHING OUT!
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? SHINE AT IT?!

MEANWHILE-- AT LIGHT LABS...
KEEP ON STRUGGLING, MEGA BRAT! I'LL BE HAPPY TO OVERHAUL MY MASTER PLAN IF IT MEANS THOMAS'S OH-SO-PRECIOUS BOY GETS OBLITERATED BY ONE OF MY OLD EXPERIMENTS!
DR. WILY "REFORMED" MAD SCIENTIST
ALBERT! ANY LUCK CONTACTING ANY OF MY ROBOT MASTERS?
ER... NO! SORRY, TOM...
CALL TIME: 12:35 ENDED 12:35
CALL TIME: 12:36 ENDED: 12:36
CALL TIME: 12:36 ENDED: 12:36
CALL TIME: 12:37 ENDED: 12:37
DELETE CALL RECORDS?
[ENTER TO CONFIRM]
...BUT THEY'RE EITHER BUSY OR NOT ANSWERING!
HOLD ON, SON! WE'RE WORKING ON A COUNTER-MEASURE AS FAST AS WE CAN!
HMM...THIS DOESN'T LOOK COMPATIBLE. ROLL, SEE IF THERE'S A CONVERTER IN THERE.
YES, SIR!
ROLL MEGA MAN'S SISTER
DR. LIGHT MEGA MAN'S CREATOR
FOUND IT!
PERFECT! NOW SEE IF YOU CAN FIND US SOME BOLTS.
RIGHT AWAY. C'MON, RUSH, I'LL NEED YOUR HELP.
I SWEAR, WE GO THROUGH BOLTS SO FAST, THEY'RE GOING TO BECOME MORE VALUABLE THAN MONEY AROUND HERE!


DR. COSSACK
RUSSIAN ROBOTICS GENIUS
HOW DO YOU SLEEP AT NIGHT, ALBERT? KNOWING THAT YOUR LEGACY WILL BE THE PROBLEMS YOU CAUSED, ONLY SOLVED BY YOUR CONTEMPORARIES?
AUTO
ROBOT MECHANIC
INSTEAD OF USING THAT ANALYTIC GENIUS OF YOURS TO NAG ME...
...MAYBE YOU COULD THINK OF A WAY TO ACTUALLY HELP?
FOR INSTANCE, IF YOUR BRIGHT MAN COULD DO ANYTHING...
HE'S FINE! YOU ONLY THINK HE'S USELESS BECAUSE HE ISN'T WEAPONIZED!
HYPOCRITE! YOU PUT A FLAME-LAUNCHER ON PHARAOH MAN!
YES, BUT...
"BUT" WHAT?
THAT WAS TO PROTECT HIM--THIS IS DIFFERENT!
NO, IT'S NOT! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SELF-PRESERVATION, YOU BUFFOON!
MIKHAIL...I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT HE'S RIGHT. EVEN IF IT'S SOMETHING TO SLOW OR DETER THAT MONSTROUS MACHINE. WE CAN ALWAYS REMOVE THE MODIFICATIONS LATER.
FINE. FINE, I JUST HATE THE IDEA OF WEAPONIZING EVERY ROBOT WE CREATE...

"WHAT KIND OF FUTURE ARE WE BUILDING BY DOING THAT?"
THE BADLANDS. YEAR: 21XX.
PSHOOO!
ZERO COMPANY! VILE COMPANY! TARGET ITS RIGHT FLANK!
ON MY MARK-- FIRE!
MAVERICK HUNTERS PEACE-KEEPING REPLOIDS
ZERO 17TH ELITE UNIT
VILE 17TH ELITE UNIT
BOOM!
BRATTA-TATTAT!
SKAW!

FRT GUNS: OFFLINE
SR CHEM: OFFLINE
BTM GUN: ONLINE
LR CHEM: ONLINE
REAR GUN 1: OFFLINE
REAR GUN 2: OFFLINE
REAR GUN 3: ONLINE
REAR GUN 4: OFFLINE
REAR GUN 5: OFFLINE
REAR GUN 6: ONLINE
REAR GUN 7: ONLINE
ARMOR
>>ANALYZING... >>UNIT SIGNAL IDENTIFIED >>RECTIFYING
BRATTA-TATTAT!
HEY! DON'T YOU IGNORE ME!
IT KNOWS WHO THE REAL THREAT IS HERE, PRETTY BOY!
BOOM
OVERLOOK ME, HUH? LAST MISTAKE YOU'LL MAKE...
VREEEE...


BLAM!
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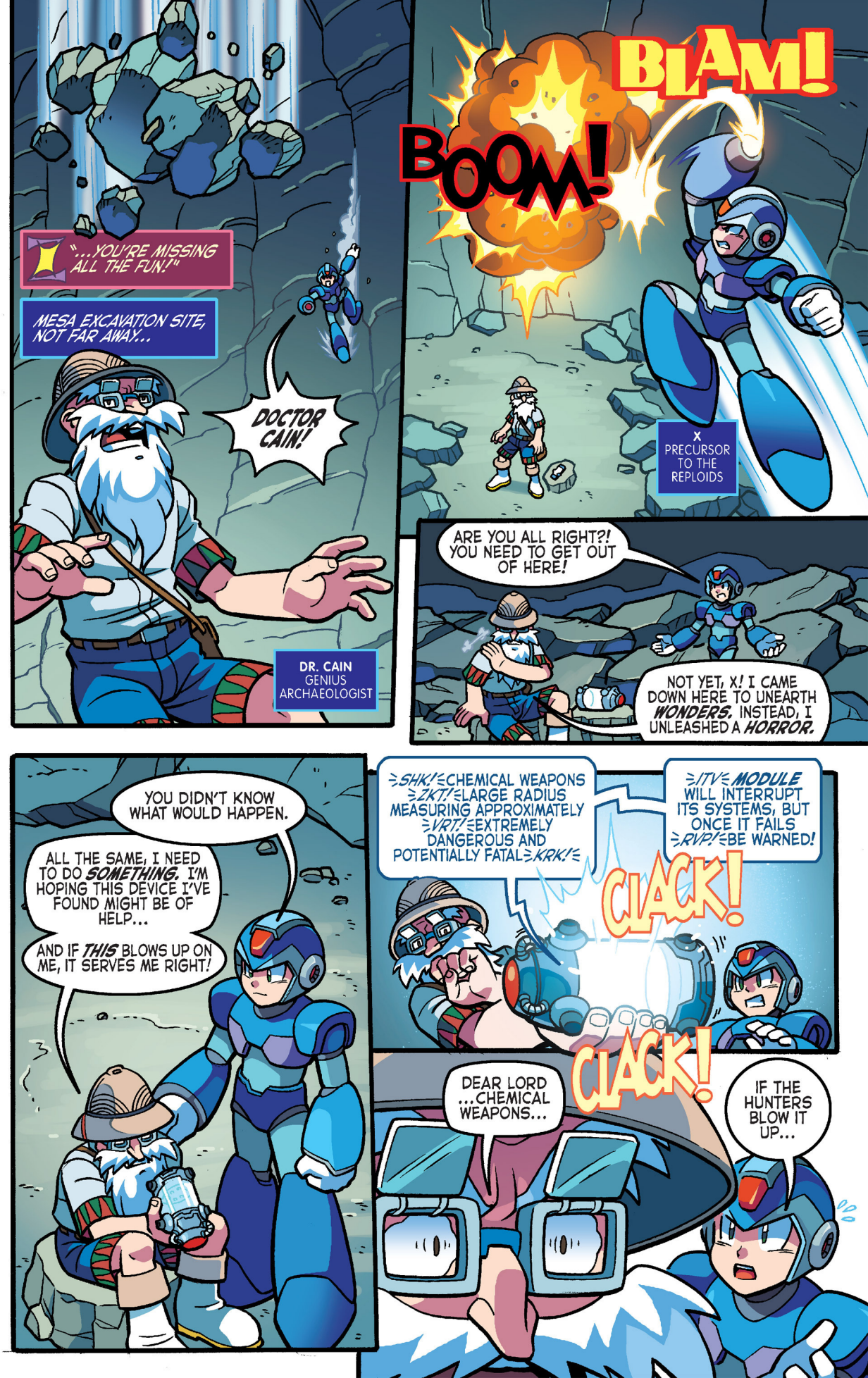
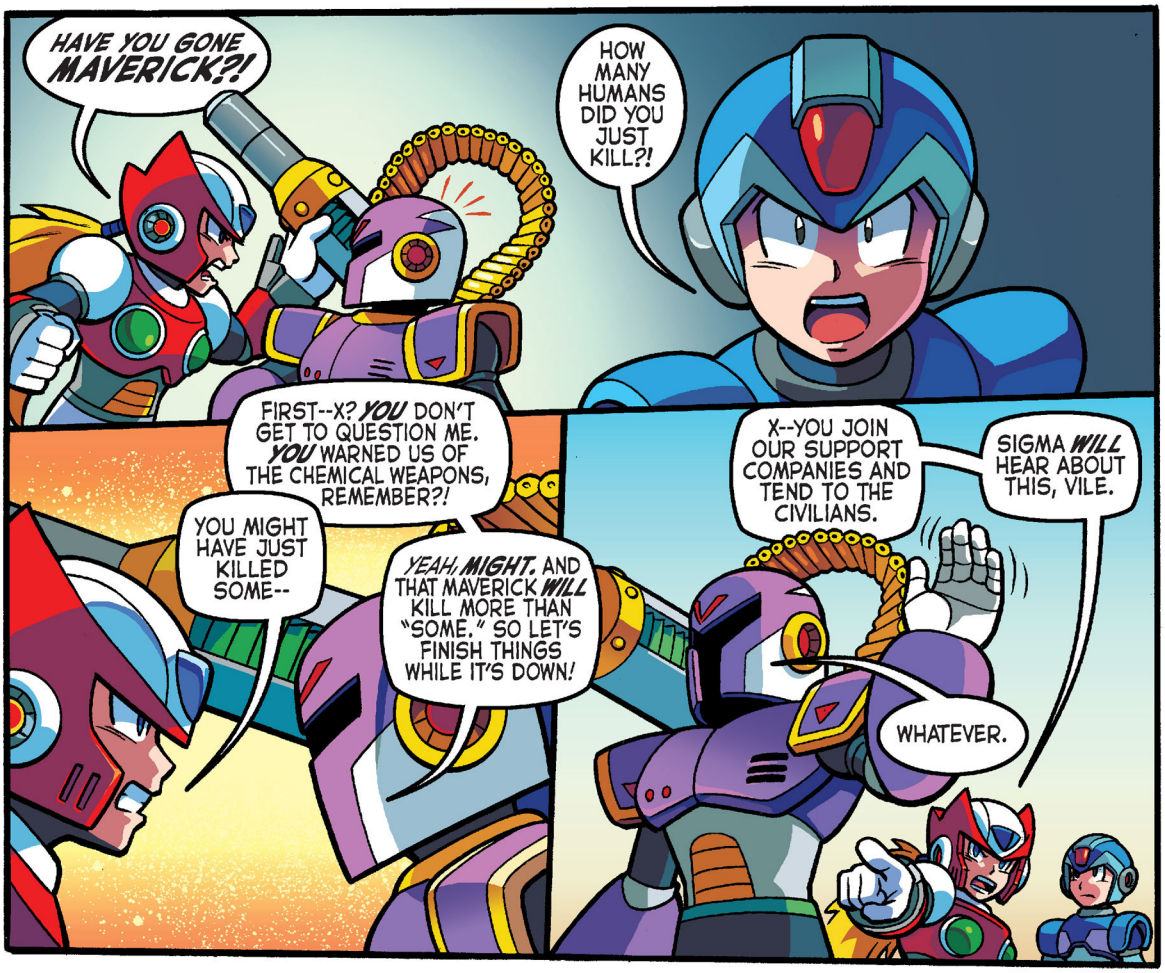
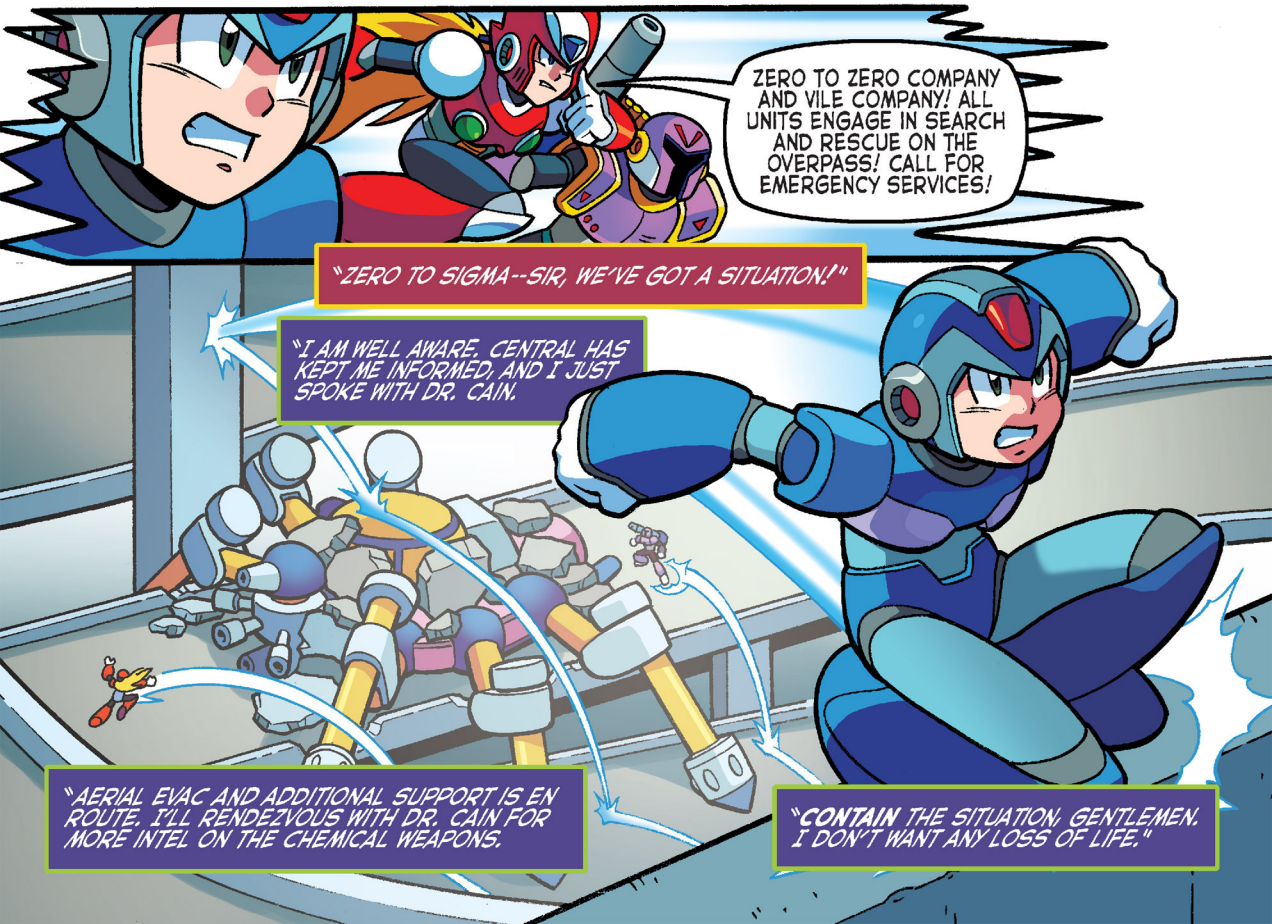
REAR GUN 5: OFFLINE
REAR GUN 6: ONLINE
REAR GUN 7: ONLINE
REAR CAM
>>MARKING UNIT AS HOSTILE >>ENGAGING
BLAM!
AUGH!
ZERO! SIR! HOLD ON! I'M--
STAY OUT OF RANGE!
HEH... SORRY TO SEND YOU AWAY FROM ALL THIS, X...


"...YOU'RE MISSING ALL THE FUN!"
MESA EXCAVATION SITE, NOT FAR AWAY...
DOCTOR CAIN!
DR. CAIN
GENIUS ARCHAEOLOGIST
BOOM!
BLAM!
X
PRECURSOR TO THE REPLOIDS
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?! YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE!
NOT YET, X! I CAME DOWN HERE TO UNEARTH WONDERS. INSTEAD, I UNLEASHED A HORROR.
YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.
ALL THE SAME, I NEED TO DO SOMETHING. I'M HOPING THIS DEVICE I'VE FOUND MIGHT BE OF HELP...
AND IF THIS BLOWS UP ON ME, IT SERVES ME RIGHT!
≥SHK!≤CHEMICAL WEAPONS ≥ZKT!≤LARGE RADIUS MEASURING APPROXIMATELY ≥VRT!≤EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND POTENTIALLY FATAL≥KRK!≤
≥ITV≤MODULE WILL INTERRUPT ITS SYSTEMS, BUT ONCE IT FAILS ≥RVP!≤BE WARNED!
CLACK!
CLACK!
DEAR LORD ...CHEMICAL WEAPONS...
IF THE HUNTERS BLOW IT UP...

"...THE CHEMICALS COULD BE SPREAD WHO KNOWS HOW FAR!"
BWOO-wip
WHY CAN'T I REACH ZERO?!
SORRY, SIR. DURING OPERATIONS, ONLY HUNTER-RELATED BUSINESS CAN BE--
THIS IS--! DID THEY DESTROY THE ANCIENT MECHANILOID?
NOT EVEN CLOSE, SIR.
WE'VE BEEN HARRYING IT, BUT IT KEEPS ON MARCHING TOWARDS-- HEY!
ZERO! VILE! DON'T DESTROY IT!
X?! I TOLD YOU TO LOOK AFTER DOCTOR CAIN!
LISTEN TO ME! DOCTOR CAIN FOUND A WARNING FROM WHEN THE ANCIENT MECHANILOID WAS CREATED! IT'S LOADED WITH CHEMICAL WEAPONS! IF YOU BLOW IT UP--!
...WE ENDANGER ANY HUMANS WITHIN ITS BLAST RADIUS. GREAT. BUT IT'S HEADING FOR THE HIGHWAY. WE HAVE TO STOP IT OR--
OH, STOP IT?
WHRR-CLICK!
GOTCHA COVERED.
FWEE!

KABLAM!
KABLAM!
KABLAM!
KABLAM!
KABLAM!
KABLAM!
CRASH!
I WAS RIGHT! HEAVEN HELP US ALL--I WAS RIGHT!
XANDER PAYNE
ANTI-ROBOT TERRORIST
(FROM MEGA MAN'S TIME!)


HAVE YOU GONE MAVERICK?!
HOW MANY HUMANS DID YOU JUST KILL?!
FIRST--X? YOU DON'T GET TO QUESTION ME. YOU WARNED US OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS, REMEMBER?!
YOU MIGHT HAVE JUST KILLED SOME--
YEAH, MIGHT. AND THAT MAVERICK WILL KILL MORE THAN "SOME." SO LET'S FINISH THINGS WHILE IT'S DOWN!
X--YOU JOIN OUR SUPPORT COMPANIES AND TEND TO THE CIVILIANS.
SIGMA WILL HEAR ABOUT THIS, VILE.
WHATEVER.


ZERO TO ZERO COMPANY AND VILE COMPANY! ALL UNITS ENGAGE IN SEARCH AND RESCUE ON THE OVERPASS! CALL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES!
"ZERO TO SIGMA--SIR, WE'VE GOT A SITUATION!"
"I AM WELL AWARE. CENTRAL HAS KEPT ME INFORMED, AND I JUST SPOKE WITH DR. CAIN.
"AERIAL EVAC AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IS EN ROUTE. I'LL RENDEZVOUS WITH DR. CAIN FOR MORE INTEL ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS.
"CONTAIN THE SITUATION, GENTLEMEN. I DON'T WANT ANY LOSS OF LIFE."

STAY CALM! I'M NUDGING YOUR VEHICLE TO AN AREA MORE STRUCTURALLY SECURE!
HOLD ON! I'M COMING!
I-I CAN WALK... BUT THERE'S...A HUMAN OVER THERE...
THANKS! I'LL BE BACK FOR YOU!
CREEEAAK!
CURSE YOU, VILE...
AHHHHH!
NO!

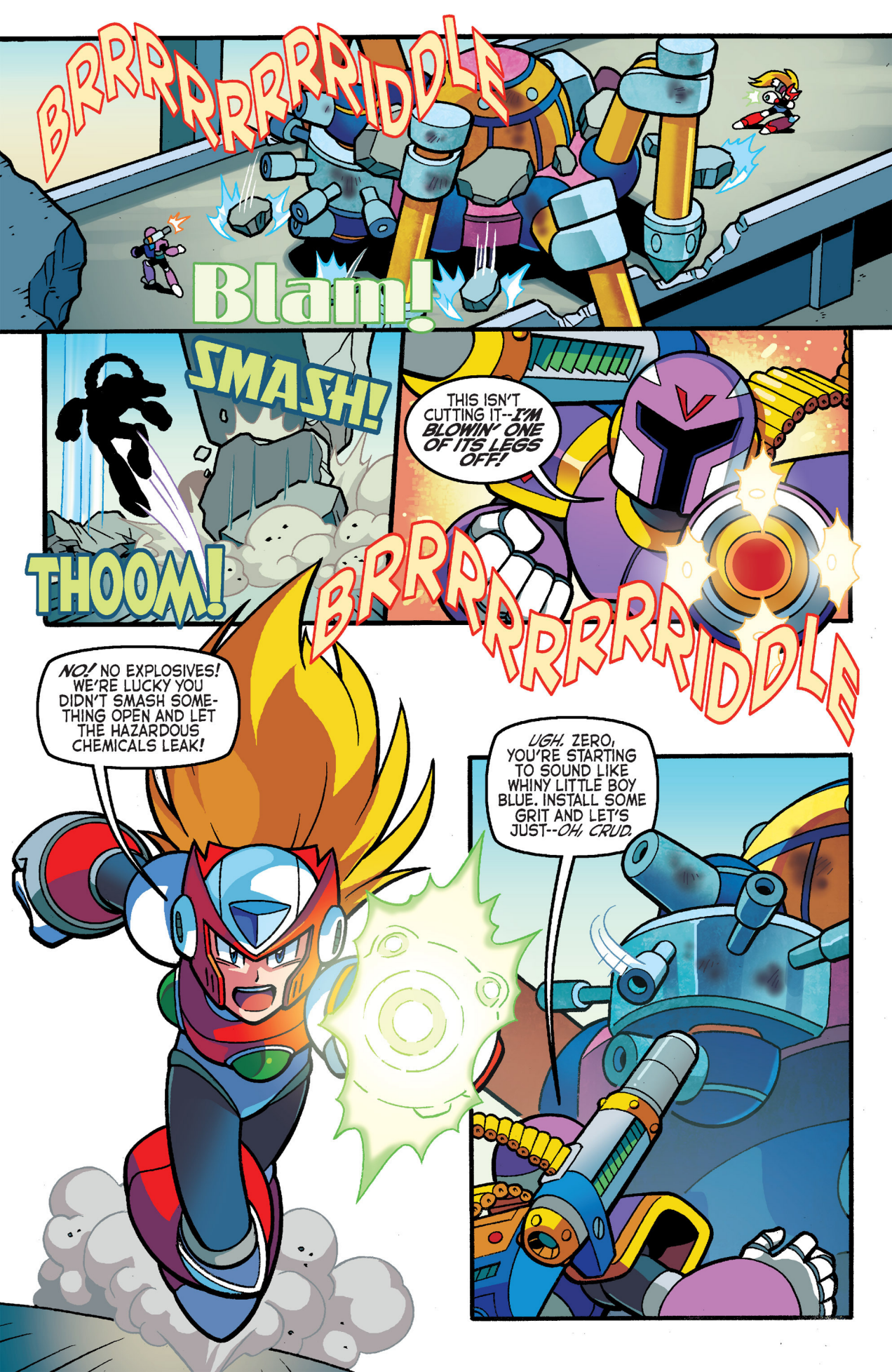
AHHHH--OOF!
WHUD
EASY THERE... CAN YOU STAND?
TRY TO STAY CALM. I'LL GET YOU TO SAFETY. TAKE MY HAND AND--
YOU! YOU SURVIVED?! YOU LED THE REVOLUTION, DIDN'T YOU?! YOU BROUGHT THIS ALL UPON US!!!

SIR!
SIR!
PLEASE LISTEN! I'M NOT GOING TO HURT--!
OH, YOU'RE ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE ANTI-TECHNOLOGY TERRORISTS, THE EMERALD SPEARS.
"ANOTHER"...? MY...PEOPLE ARE STILL...?
CAUSING TROUBLE, YES. I WAS SHOT AT BY SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS EARLIER TODAY.*
*MM#37.
THE MAVERICK IS MOVING-- WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE. HOLD ON.
THE EMERALD SPEARS ENDURE! HUMANITY'S FIGHT ISN'T OVER!
WAIT-- "MAVERICK"?
YOU KNOW-- ROGUE ROBOTS.
...THE SAVAGE MACHINES TURN ON EACH OTHER?!
=SIGH=

HEY...YOU'RE X, RIGHT? I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU OUT HERE!
JUST TRYING TO HELP.
THIS MAN DOESN'T SEEM HURT, BUT HE'S A MEMBER OF A DANGEROUS TERRORIST GROUP.
AH--JUST WHAT THIS CRISIS NEEDED. ARE YOU GOING TO BEHAVE, SIR? OR DO I NEED TO RESTRAIN YOU?
YOU CAN BREAK EVERY BONE IN MY BODY, AUTOMATON, BUT YOU'LL NEVER BREAK MY SPIRIT!
OH, BOY. I'VE GOT SOME CUFFS HERE--MEANT FOR REPLOIDS, BUT THEY SHOULD FIT HIM FINE FOR NOW.
THANKS. HOW GO THE RESCUE OPERATIONS?
VERY WELL! WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING CONTAINED. WE SHOULD HAVE ALL THE SURVIVORS ACCOUNTED FOR SHORTLY!
GOOD! I HOPE EVERYONE RECOVERS QUICKLY!
IS NOBODY GOING TO SPARE A THOUGHT FOR THOSE PEOPLE VILE MIGHT'VE KILLED? WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO THINKS OF THESE THINGS?
FOCUS, X. THERE WILL BE TIME ENOUGH TO MOURN. IF THOSE CHEMICAL WEAPONS SPREAD, THERE'RE GOING TO BE EVEN MORE CASUALTIES!

DON'T LOOK SO GLUM, FRIEND. AT LEAST YOU STILL HAVE YOUR GOOD EYE!
JEEZ...WHAT DID YOU DO TO GET ARRESTED DURING ALL THIS?
SIZZLE
LISTEN TO ME, BROTHERS AND SISTERS! I SEE NOW THAT I'VE FAILED YOU. BUT REST ASSURED--I WILL NOT FAIL AGAIN!
I HAVE SEEN MY FUTURE--YOUR PRESENT MISERY. I AM VINDICATED. I WILL HAVE TO CHANGE MY TACTICS, MAYBE SACRIFICE MY IDEALS, BUT I PROMISE YOU THIS:
I WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO STOP THE ROBOTS FROM TAKING OVER!
I PROMISE.
VVVVMMMMM
WHATEVER IT TAKES.
VOIP!

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE CHASM...
THE MESSAGE IS BADLY CORRUPTED, THE VOICE HEAVILY DISTORTED...
AND YET, FAMILIAR ...REGARDLESS, I'VE BEEN MESSING WITH IT, AND I MANAGED TO ACCESS MORE DATA.
SIGMA COMMANDER OF THE MAVERICK HUNTERS
I CAN'T READ IT, BUT SOMEONE WITH YOUR ADVANCED OPTICS...
YES, I CAN SEE IT. IT APPEARS TO BE A FULL RUNDOWN OF ITS WEAPONS --SPECIFICALLY WHERE THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS ARE HOUSED.
FSSST!
...AND WITH THAT, ITS POWER FAILS, AND WE'VE LOST OUR ONLY INSIGHT INTO THE NIGHTMARE I UNLEASHED...
I LEARNED ALL I NEED. TAKE HEART, DEAR CREATOR...
...I WILL MAKE THINGS RIGHT.


BRRRRRRRRRIDDLE
Blam!
SMASH!
THOOM!
THIS ISN'T CUTTING IT--I'M BLOWIN' ONE OF ITS LEGS OFF!
BRRRRRRRRRIDDLE
NO! NO EXPLOSIVES! WE'RE LUCKY YOU DIDN'T SMASH SOMETHING OPEN AND LET THE HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS LEAK!
UGH. ZERO, YOU'RE STARTING TO SOUND LIKE WHINY LITTLE BOY BLUE. INSTALL SOME GRIT AND LET'S JUST--OH, CRUD.

Blam!
HEY! COME TO JOIN THE PARTY?
THE SITUATION AT THE OVERPASS IS UNDER CONTROL. BESIDES...
BOOM!
...YOU NEED SOMEONE TO HELP YOU KEEP TABS ON HIM.
BITE ME, X.
BWOO-WIP
C-COMMANDER SIGMA!
X! GOOD OF YOU TO JOIN US. I WILL NEED ALL THREE OF YOU TO KEEP ITS ATTENTION...

MEGA MAN--TRAPPED WITH THE *WILY WALKER!*
X--UNAWARE HIS *FUTURE* IS ABOUT TO *END!*
SEE HOW *PAST AND FUTURE COLLIDE* IN THE *EXPLOSIVE* FINALE NEXT TIME!
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON THE *GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!*

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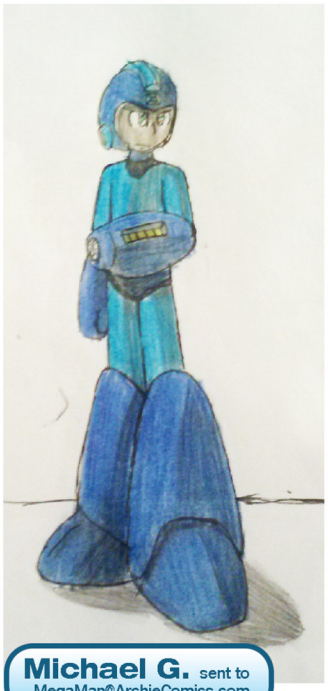

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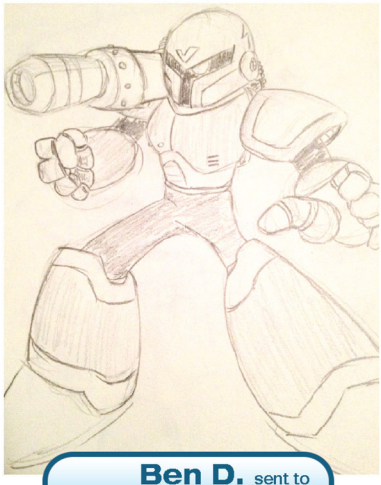

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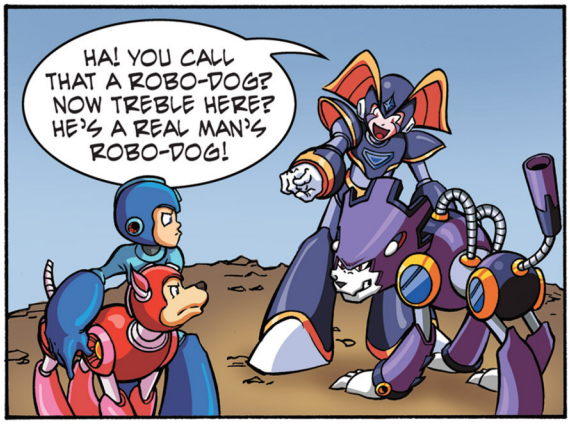

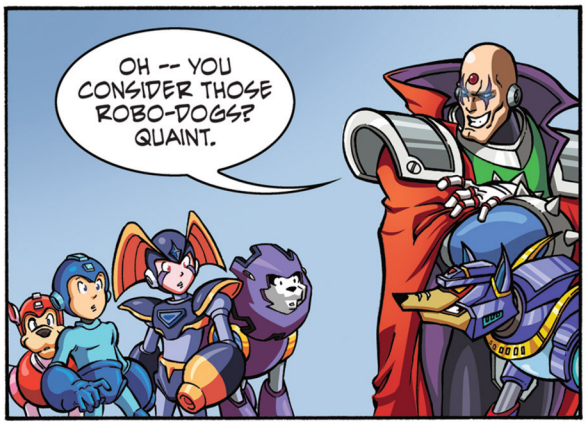

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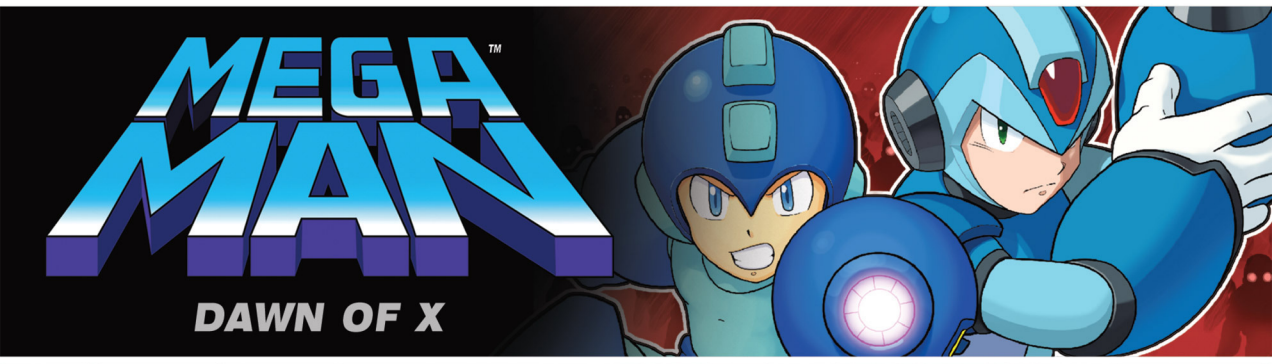

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